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COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT

Compounded student interest necessary

Student interest in community government was the main topic of discussion at a Community Government Forum held Tuesday evening. The meeting, attended by approximately 25 students and five faculty members, was sponsored by the Fifth Column.

Dr. Verne Bechill, a member of the Ad Hoc Preparatory Committee, expressed the view that the faculty was not the least bit willing to cram something down the throats of students which they do not support. "This," he said, "defeats the very idea of community government."

Bechill added most students remain unconcerned about community government because they do not realize its significance.

Dr. Cornelius Berry responded to the question of student involvement by stating "If community government is to become a reality it has to be a concern of more students than the twelve here tonight."

Berry said he did not believe students had to become aware of the details of community government in order to understand what is at stake. "Unless the faculty feels there is real pres-

sure on the part of students," he continued, "the faculty will put a few students on a few committees and call it community government."

Jim Magee, a member of the Ad Hoc Preparatory Committee and chairman of the Fifth Column committee on community government, said that student interest will develop as soon as students realize things like the future of Greeks and drinking on campus depends on community government.

In order to demonstrate the practical application of the three community government proposals, Bechill reviewed the way the different proposals would tackle a problem such as the revision of Freshman or Sophomore Studies.

He stated in all three plans the proposal would be referred to a 'curriculum' committee consisting of the three Academic Deans, six faculty members and three students. The proposal, Bechill said, could come to the committee in a number of ways--by student or faculty member.

Under proposal "A" a recommendation would be made in committee and ultimately sent to the

faculty for a final decision. Students would have a voice in the matter on the committee level.

In the second alternate plan, proposal "B", the faculty would also have the final say, although their decision would be subject to review by Administrative Council and the 'Student Council.' If either of these organizations disapproved of the measure it could be presented to a Community Council consisting of representative segments of the student body, faculty and administration.

A student referendum could also be initiated which would allow a student vote on the hypothetical revision of Freshman or Sophomore Studies under Proposal "B."

A committee would make the decision to revise the program in plan "C," although action could also be initiated in Administrative Council. The next step would be to present the proposal before the Administrative Council, where the plan could be approved or disapproved--subject to a two-thirds veto by the Faculty or Student Council. If there was a veto, the plan would be disregarded under plan "C," according to Bechill.

PROFESSORS, PANELISTS AND POLITICIANS GATHER FOR A CONFERENCE HERE SATURDAY

The Michigan Conference of the American Association of University Professors will hold its third annual meeting on the Alma College campus Saturday, Nov. 11.

The conference will feature a panel discussion on "The Michigan Legislature and Higher Education: Exploration of Some Current Issues."

Panelists include Michigan Sen. Emil Lockwood, 30th District, Senate majority leader; Sen. Garland Lane, 29th District, member of the Appropriations Committee; Wendell Hulcher, mayor of Ann Arbor; and Donald M.D. Thurber, member of the first State Board of Education. Moderator will be Wilfred Kaplan of the University of Michigan.

Panelists will focus on such issues as threats to institutional autonomy, public support for private institutions, and the legislature and the State Board of Education.

Registration for the conference will be from 9 to 9:45 a.m. in the lobby of Alma College's Dow Science Building. Participants will be greeted by Dr. Robert D. Swanson, Alma College president, in Dow Auditorium at 9:45 a.m. and the panel discussion will follow.

The conference luncheon is scheduled for 12:15 p.m. in the Highlander Room on the Alma campus. A business session will be held in Dow Auditorium at 1:15 p.m.

Wesley C. Dykstra, professor of philosophy at Alma College, is president of the Michigan AAUP.

Grimes wins

Marcia Grimes, Alpena sophomore, received special recognition last weekend for excellence in speaking at the Midwest Market Place Debate Tournament at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. Miss Grimes and Jack Roslund, an Alma sophomore, debate partners, each spoke six times.

The first three rounds of informative speaking, group discussion, and persuasive speaking were followed by three rounds of debate: direct clash, cross examination, and standard. For the debates the Alma students were each paired with another student from another college to determine their ability to adapt quickly and effectively to new situations and partners.

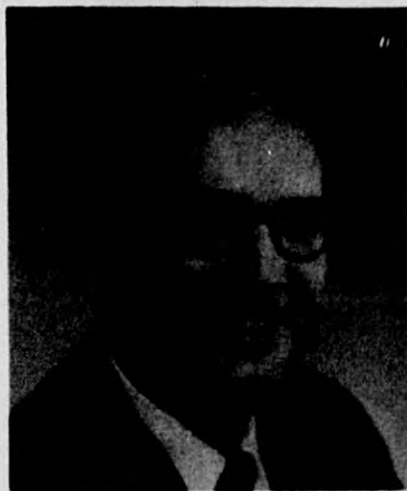
Stop for a moment and think of one thing about Alma College which you do not like. Recall one time something happened to you which you despised, but could do nothing about. Now do yourself and the rest of the campus a favor. Write your complaint on a peice of paper and send it to the Pub. The Almanian will examine your gripe and explain how community government would help.



REV. JOHN A. HOYT



REV. A. G. PARKER III



REV. J. ROBERT RANCK

Three Pastors appointed to Board

Three Presbyterian pastors have been elected to the Board of Trustees of Alma College, according to an announcement by Reid Brazell of Alma, chairman of the board.

The new trustees are the Rev. Mr. John A. Hoyt, senior minister of the Drayton Avenue Presbyterian Church, Ferndale; the Rev. Mr. Albert George Parker III, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Grand Haven; and the Rev. Mr. J. Robert Ranck, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Menominee.

A native of Marietta, Ohio, Mr. Hoyt, 35, is the son of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Claremont E. Hoyt of Bay City.

He received a bachelor of divinity degree from Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N.Y., and while working toward this degree served as a student assistant in the First Presbyterian Church of LeRoy, N.Y.

He has been senior minister of

Drayton Avenue Presbyterian Church in Ferndale since October, 1964. He is president of the Detroit Pastors Association, chairman of the Church and Society Committee of the Presbytery of Detroit, and a member of Presbytery's General Council.

Mr. Parker, 45, was born in Tsinan, China, the son of missionaries who were serving on the faculty of Cheeloo University. His boyhood was spent in Hanover, Ind., where his father served for 29 years as president of Hanover College.

Mr. Parker received an A.B. degree from Princeton University in 1944. He earned a B.D. degree at McCormick Theological Seminary where he was the Isabelle Blackstone Fellowship Winner in New Testament Greek. He also holds an M.A. degree in sociology from the University of Illinois.

He was pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Tuscola, Ill., from 1949 to 1953, and of First

Presbyterian Church in Lawrence, Kans., from 1953 to 1961. He has been at First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven since 1961.

Mr. Ranck, 43, is a native of Pittsburg. He graduated from Wilmington (Pa.) College where he was listed in Who's Who among Students in American Colleges and Universities and was president of the senior class.

He holds a B.D. degree from Union Theological Seminary and also has done graduate work at Northern Michigan University.

Mr. Ranck was associate minister of First Presbyterian Church, Neenah, Wis., from 1956 to 1958; and he has served as minister of First Presbyterian Church, Menominee since 1958.

He has served as moderator of the Synod of Michigan and General Council, chairman of the Synod's Interpretation and Stewardship Department, and a committeeman of Synod Planning Department of the \$50 Million Fund Committee.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

irresponsible private circus...

Dear Editor:

November 6 will probably be a well remembered date at Alma College. For many it was a fun day free of anything academic. For others it was a day of insult and for yet others it was a day of deep regret.

In the MIAA there is a tradition of a student boycott of classes on the Monday following the Championship game.

To me this in no way suggests that all academic activity must grind to a halt or that anyone in the academic community (all of us?) should be forced to celebrate even if not so inclined.

Monday's boycott, however, was of a different nature. The boycott was not voluntary but enforced.

Here at A.C. we presumably keep a tradition of academic freedom. For those concerned with the current Community Government issue, academic freedom is important. When students are rather bluntly told not to go to classes, when professors are ordered not to hold class or even to work in their private offices (and intimidated if they do not comply) and when even the library (O bulwark of 'academia') and administrative offices are forced to close, we have no academic freedom.

It seems to me that Mr. Bova and Mr. Pfeiffer of Tyler Staff took it upon themselves to maintain this tradition. On campus I heard the term 'Private Circus' (which might be more appropriate) to describe the methods used to support the boycott. It should

block in bad taste ...

Dear Editor:

I would like to congratulate the students on their concentrated effort to stop classes Monday. I think it is agreed that we needed a day off.

I must say, however, the way in which this effort was carried out was not in the best of taste. I do not believe it was necessary to literally block the instructors out of buildings. All that was required was simply not to go to class.

One thing that really concerns me most is what the majority of students did on their day off.

in a bowl ...

Dear Editor:

Why couldn't Alma participate in a football bowl game? Why couldn't Alma challenge Wayne State University to some kind of football bowl game? It is certain that the excitement and spirit that this game would generate would guarantee an extremely large turnout. If needs be, the game could even be held at the University of Detroit stadium, or even Tiger stadium. Surely the school spirit, school pride, team pride and publicity resulting from this game would make any expense and inconvenience well worth the while.

Sincerely,
An Alma Sports Fan

not be necessary to further elaborate the insults to the academic freedom of professors, students, and administrative personnel imposed by these and a few other people. I might add that while Tyler Board was notified of the boycott, the intended staff methodology was not.

I sincerely hope that those people actively concerned with the future of Community Government will not relate the lack of tact employed by the rather militant leaders of the boycott to the entire student body. I believe that there are, possibly contrary to public opinion right now, responsible and emotionally stable people here who are prepared to accept the responsibilities involved with a working Community Government. I hope that some of the more regrettable incidents on Monday will not turn the faculty against student involvement in the mechanism of an Alma College Community Government.

We must, in the same breath, not overlook the very real possibility that if the student body really is as tactless and irresponsible as Monday's incidents in Old Main, Dow, and the Library might suggest, that A.C. is not mature enough to handle an important and responsible role in the community organization.

As members of this college, we must not let Monday fade from our memory. We must think about it and hopefully agree upon a realistic evaluation of ourselves and what we did or did not learn from Monday morning.

Rich Douglass

For a great number of students Monday meant a parade, a girls football game, ice cream and cake. In general, a big blast

Since most of us are not geniuses, we could have used the time catching up in our studies. Mr. Beauchamp warned some students before this past weekend that many instructors had noted a considerable lack of studying on the part of students. I am sorry to say that Monday supported their observations. The students of Alma College had a chance to vindicate themselves this weekend, and we blew it.

Thomas W. Morrissett

There will be a meeting tonight of the Political Activities Committee at 7:30 in LG - 10.

VIEWPOINT — in our opinion

ON THE DAY OFF: We would like to thank those who helped to accomplish last Monday's day-off. It seems to have been a matter of some concern, as evidenced in the letters to the editor.

This "vacation" could only be effected by the TOTAL cooperation of the students. There seem to have been two ways of effecting this: first to have a student boycott of all classes, and secondly, by locking the doors. The latter obviously has a greater chance of success. But to have SOME of the doors open does not have a total effect. It is however unfortunate that in the implementation of this goal, there was not a clear-cut decision. If one, and only one means had been used, and decided upon in advance, then perhaps the "Private Circus" would have been avoided.

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CAMPUS NOTES

The editors reserve the right to determine when announcements intended for this column will appear; as well as the right to edit all such copy. Deadline for all Campus Notes is 8 a.m. the day preceding publication.

Bible Study meets tonight at 9 in Van Dusen Lounge. The prayer meetings every Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30 will continue behind the Chapel balcony.

Newberry Hall will have an Open House this Friday evening. The rooms are co-ed from 8-10 p.m., followed by a dance in the basement, with refreshments.

S.S.S. will have an open discussion this Sunday on campus race relations. Special guests will be the Negro students. The meeting will be at 6:30 in Van Dusen Lounge.

Phi Omicron Christmas cards are on sale through Nov. 15, in Gelston lounge on Mon. from 8-10 p.m., and in Bruske Lounge on Wed. 8-10 p.m., or you may contact any Phi O member for selection.

Also on sale: all-occasion cards wrapping paper, and stationery

OPEN GYM HOURS FOR WOMEN

The gymnasium is available to women for basketball or volleyball every Tues. and Thurs. 6-7:00 p.m. If you are interested, see Miss Southward for permission to eat early.

The gym is presently available to both men and women for open recreation on weekends, Saturday from 2-5, and Sunday from 2-5 from 7-9 p.m.

Mr. Berry will speak on "Christ and Culture" at the morning Chapel service Sunday, and the Chapel Choir will sing the "Twentieth Century Folk Mass."

Attention Students! Over-due library books and reserve books are not due in the library at the same time. Reserve books must be returned by 9:00 each morning. Regular books that fall on Thursdays must be returned to the library or renewed before the library opens (8 a.m.) on the following Tuesday. Each book that is over-due at this time will have a charge of 25¢.

Mr. Michael Smith's Freshmen and Sophomore advisees will meet Mon., Nov. 13 at 7:30 in room 6 and 7 in the Library basement to discuss Hungry Nations.

Following are the school systems, businesses, industries or government agencies that will have representatives on campus for the week of November 13, 1967:

- 11-13 Ernst & Ernst
- 11-14 Touche, Ross, Bailey and Smart (CPA)
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Flint
- 11-15 IBM Co., Utica Schools
- 11-16 L'Anse Creuse Schools,
Mt. Clemens

Within the next week a committee of Tyler Board will be polling students concerning social activities on campus. Committee members will visit students in their rooms and ask them to fill out the forms. Comments will be welcomed.

A series of old time movies will be shown tomorrow evening in Dow instead of the scheduled film. Laurel and Hardy comedy team make up a part of the films. Saturday "Stalag 17" will be shown as previously planned.

The Sisters of Alpha Theta extend best wishes to sister Linda Larson on her lavaliering to Steve Kaiser of Tau Kappa Epsilon. Also best wishes go to Berta Schlosser on her recent lavaliering to TKE Gordie Hetrick. We are also pleased to announce the engagement of Jane Rath to Larry Dickie of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

THE PHONES IN BRUSKE have been a continual pain in the neck, competing only with the "speed bumps" on the drive to that dorm. There are only three phones for a dorm of two-hundred people. We can't even remember the last time we could get through to Bruske. The obvious remedy to this must be additional phones, and soon!

MR. BERRY'S comments at the Fifth Column's community government forum Tuesday evening made sense. It's not the end of the world if your bored reading the details of the three community government proposals. Just remember the basis issue is the student participation in a community government and that is worthy of consideration.

McCall on striking teachers—causes and outcome

Editor's note: The following interview is one in a series of articles which will spot-light the faculty on current issues.

By Ellen Vander Visse

Almanian: What has caused the recent surge of teacher strikes and en masse political action in the last year and a half.

Dr. McCall: A main factor has been new state legislation which provides that the State Board of Education may mediate negotiations of contracts. Thus there is available a third party in individual contracts between the teacher and his/her local school board, and in master contracts required between teachers and the state.

Almanian: What does a contract include?

McCall: Some very important issues come under jurisdiction of both contracts. The biggest is salary, especially the rates scheduled for base, masters and doctorate pay. Class size and extracurricular duties have also become items of contention. Other relatively new controversies, about which few contracts as yet have included, concern student teachers and their supervisors, teaching positions according to the individual instructor's prepared field, and academic freedom, i.e., policy on teaching of controversial subjects.

Almanian: What was the outcome of the strikes this fall?

McCall: In the Cherry Hill case (Class A, Wayne Co.) for example, the teachers sought an injunction before the master contract had been signed. The judge ruled in favor of the teachers. The Detroit case in my personal opinion was a shame. The representative teacher's organization decided it would not negotiate until a date set late in August. The lapse of time over the summer could have been better spent. Gov. Romney tried very hard to get talks going during this lapse. When schools finally opened, they had only a few days to account for 12,000 unlocated students, in order to register for the state aid allotted them.

Almanian: What is the difference between teachers' organizations and labor unions?

McCall: Unions represent all classes of the labor movement, and they have a long tradition of successful strikes. Michigan Education Association (MEA) and the Federation of teachers represent a professional group, and do not favor striking as a means of change. Each school faculty votes on which organization will represent them.

Almanian: What are the alternatives to striking?

McCall: A poll recently taken shows that a majority of teachers do not favor a union-type strike. But short of political action and strikes, there are possibilities of mediation, fact-finding groups, arbitration, and sanctions. National and Michigan Educational Associations recommend the use of sanctions. This means an issuing against Detroit, for instance, or against a whole state board of education (as in the Florida case). When a sanc-



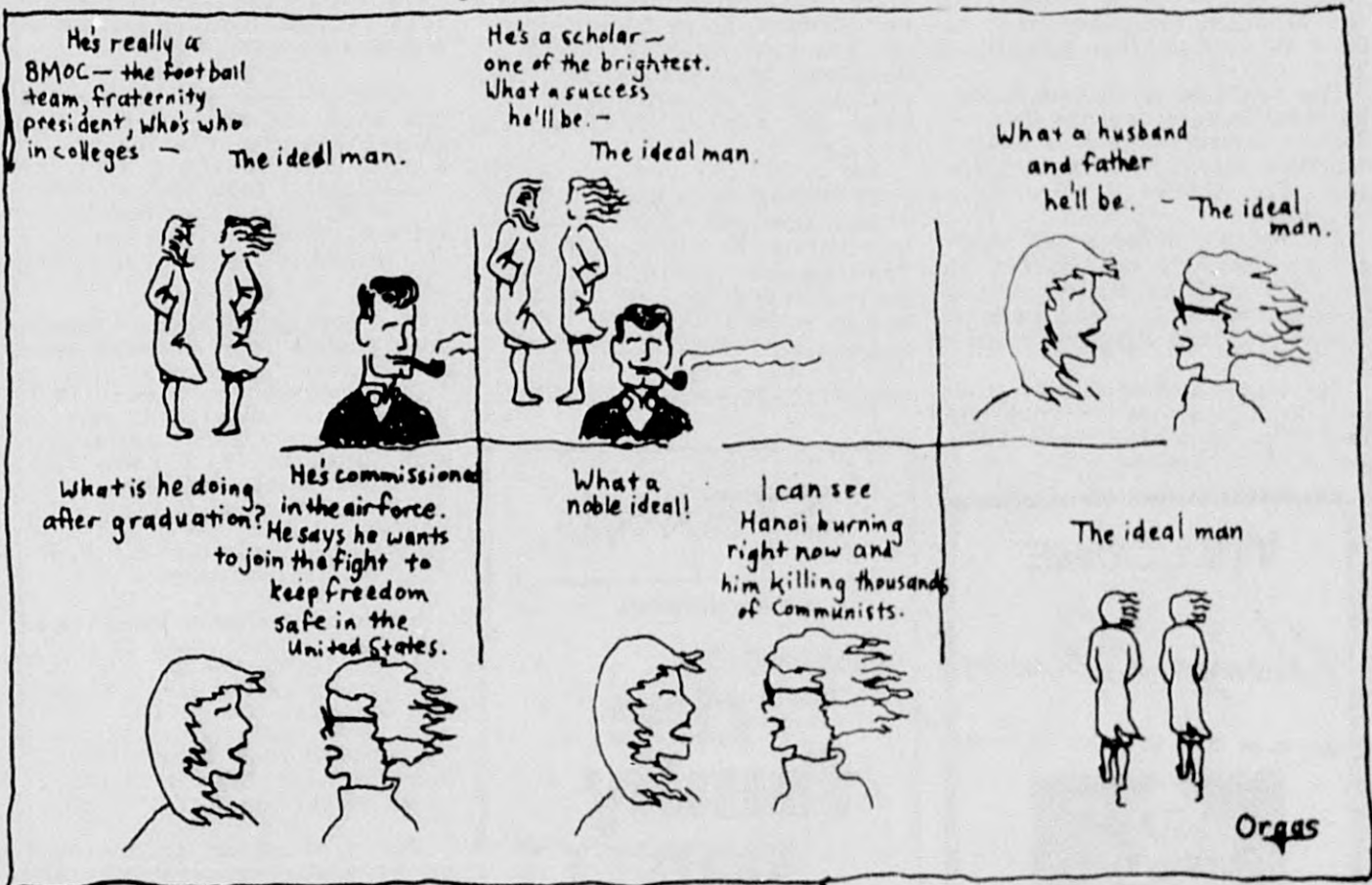
DR. MC CALL

tion is issued, teachers, withhold signing contracts, refrain from extracurriculars or from serving altogether, and notify college placement offices.

Almanian: How do the new legislation and the teacher militarism affect Alma College?

McCall: Actually very little. I have heard of no such organ-

ized measures at private colleges or state-supported institutions. The persons affected here would only be those involved in student teaching and job placement. Elementary and secondary salaries will show sharp increase for them, if the present trends continue.



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MR. JOHN C. HOEKJE, MIAA COMMISSIONER PRESENTS TROPHY TO DR. SWANSON

Clergmen discuss mental health

ALMA--A conference on mental health and pastoral counseling for Michigan clergymen will be held at Alma College today, Nov. 9, Nov. 9.

The conference, cosponsored by Alma College and the Gratiot County Community Mental Health Services Board, will feature the Rev. Dr. Ernest E. Bruder as speaker.

Dr. Bruder, director of protestant chaplain activities at St. Elizabeths Hospital in Washington, D. C., will talk on 'Learning from Deeply Troubled People.'

The Alma conference will also include discussion sessions and question and answer periods with Dr. Bruder.

Past president of the Association of Mental Hospital Chaplains Dr. Bruder, is in addition to his position at St Elizabeth's Hospital the Chandler Robbins Professor of Clinical Pastoral Care at Wesley Theological Seminary.

As ordained priest in the Protestant Episcopal Church, he has lectured at Philadelphia Divinity School, Virginia Theological Seminary, Howard University School of Religion and is a faculty member of the Washington School of Psychiatry where he also serves as a member of the Board of Governors.

Togetherhness adds up

Alma harriers take Hope

The Alma Scot's cross-country team finally put everything together at Hope College in the MIAA conference meet and placed third, their best finish since 1948. Alma was led by freshman Don Yehle who placed second to Kalamazoo's John Wismer. Yehle's running in this meet and throughout the season gave him a berth on the all-conference team for 1967.

However, it was the strong performances by all of Don's teammates which amazed the field at the meet. Chris Marin and Frank Roder, freshmen from Lansing Eastern and Vassar, respectively, shined with sixth and tenth place finishes. These two Scots, along with Yehle, all earned medals for placing within the top ten.

Alma's men were rounded out by Jim McClain, a junior from New York, who ran the best race of his life in crossing the finish line in the thirty-first position. Sprinting across the line thirty-third was another freshman, Chuck Wiggins, of Otisville. Drummond Island's Greg Ledy, another freshman, placed thirty-fourth for Alma, while senior Bruce "Bitter" Bean beat eight runners, and finished fortieth. This is Bean's first season of distance running.

Tuesday's meet was run through the snow and the slush which caused the cancellation of the Albion-Hope football game and cross-country meet last Saturday. It was an interesting and colorful meet as all the runners strided in and out of snow piles and water holes.

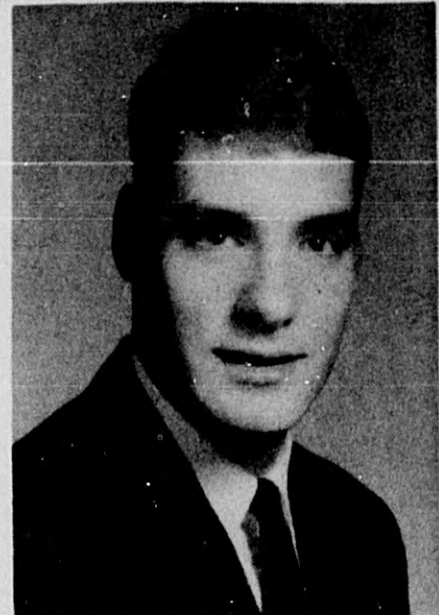
The Adrian Bulldogs copped meet honors with an impressive performance, 51 points, placing five men in the top twenty. Calvin took second with 62 points, with Kalamazoo three points behind the Scots' 85. Other teams, and their points were Hope, 104; Albion, 107; and Olivet, 196. Losses in dual meets were reversed by Alma against Hope, Albion, and Kalamazoo.

Wismer, a sophomore from Kalamazoo, ran a great race in edging out the Scot's Yehle, a Midland Native, by only three seconds. Yehle's time was 21:03. Yehle took over the lead at the two-mile point, but Wismer quickly regained his lead with Don a close second the rest of the race.

Marin, turning in his best performance this season, was timed in 21:42. It was Roder, though, who came from the back of the pack, passing men throughout the four-mile course, to earn his medal, with a time of 22:04. McClain was officially clocked in 22:59, while Wiggins and Ledy had identical times of 23:18. Bean

took 23:04 seconds to finish the race.

It certainly was a golden day for Alma. Placing three men in the top ten was a great achievement. Alma was the only squad to do it this year.



DON YEHLER

Coach Chuck Gray now takes his squad to the N.C.A.A. College Division meet in Wheaton, Ill., this Saturday.

Here are the top ten finishers in the conference meet: John Wismer, Kalamazoo; Don Yehle, Alma; Tom Swihart, Adrian; Jim Admiraal, Calvin; Bob Zane, Adrian; Chris Marin, Alma; Jim Ellinger, Kalamazoo; Cal Osterhaver, Hope; Jay Muller, Calvin; and Frank Roder, Alma. Wismer, Yehle, Swihart, Admiraal, and Hope's Rick Bruggers, who placed nineteenth, running with bad shin splints, were all selected to the 1967 all-MIAA team.

Alma's Jack Prince, was named Michigan Intercollegiate Athlete-Association back of the week for his performance in the Kalamazoo game. The 200 pound fullback scored two touchdowns and pushed for 74 yards in 19 carries.

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